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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND OF NY TIMES EDITORIAL OF MARCH 3 ON ITALY

1. /CORRIERE DELLA SERA/, MARCH 6, CARRIES STORY DATED  
NEW YORK BY UGO STILLE ON BACKGROUND OF NY TIMES EDITORIAL  
CITED ABOVE. STILLE SAYS THAT EDITORIAL BASED ON CONVER-  
SATIONS BY EDITORIAL WRITER WITH THE SECRETARY AND UNNAMED  
PERSONS IN THE WHITE HOUSE. THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT THE  
TIMES EDITORIAL SUPPORTED TWO THESES WHICH ARE IN FACT  
THE FOUNDATION OF THE SECRETARY'S CURRENT STRATEGY  
TOWARD ITALY: (A) IT IS POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE THE ITALIAN  
POLITICAL CRISIS WITH A NEW DEMOCRATIC COALITION THAT  
EXCLUDES THE COMMUNISTS AND (B) THAT AMERICA AND OTHER  
WESTERN COUNTRIES MUST PROVIDE ECONOMIC FINANCIAL ASSIST-  
ANCE FOR A PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC STRUCTURAL REFORM IN ITALY.

2. STILLE GOES ON TO SAY THAT THE SECRETARY BELIEVES  
THAT THE SUCCESS OF HIS POLICY WILL DEPEND ON THREE  
FACTORS: (A) THE ABILITY OF THE DC TO RENEW AND  
REVITALIZE ITSELF. THE DC MUST BE CONVINCED THAT IT  
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CANNOT USE THE PCI THREAT TO BLACKMAIL THE US INTO

SUPPORTING IT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT IN FACT  
RENEWS. IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL THAT THE DC DOES NOT  
BELIEVE COMMUNIST VICTORY IS INEVITABLE AND THEREBY  
SLIDE TOWARD THE HISTORIC COMPROMISE. FOR THESE REASONS, THE  
SECRETARY HAS STATED PUBLICLY AND BLUNTLY HIS OPPOSITION TO  
COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN THE GOI. (B) THE SOCIALISTS  
MUST BE ENCOURAGED TO REACH A NEW "RELATIONSHIP OF COOPERATION"  
WITH THE DC. (C) IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW DC/PSI COALITION AND FOR THIS PURPOSE THE  
ADMINISTRATION WILL LAUNCH A NEW EFFORT TO GET  
CONGRESS TO PASS THE SAFETY NET LEGISLATION.VOLPE

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